REMARKS

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Applicant has amended claims 29 and 30 in accordance with the agreed upon changes during the telephone interview dated August 14, 2008 (see Examiner Telephone Interview Summary dated August 19, 2008). Also, as per the Examiner's suggestion, Applicant has added new claims 31-35 to depend on allowable claim 19. New claims 31-35 correspond to the subject matter of original claims 23-27, respectively, which were canceled in the amendment filed July 14, 2008. These new claims are now allowable since they are dependent on allowable claim 19, and since they each recite features which are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Thus, claims 19 and 28-35 are currently pending in this application. Support for the claim amendments and new claims can be readily found variously throughout the specification and the original claims.

In view of these amendments, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are believed to be clearly patentable over the outstanding rejections in the Office Action dated April 14, 2008. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the claims in light of the above remarks is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

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